GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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MERIT CUM MEANS SCHOLARSHIP
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched merit-cum-means scholarship for students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a proposal to appoint more teachers and to open more classrooms in the schools in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a)& (b) Finance Minister in his Budget Speech on 28-2-2007 has announced to launch National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme for students studying in classes IX to XII. Under the Scheme, an amount of Rs.6,000/- per annum is to be provided to one lakh students each, every year.

(c) & (d) Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), 7.95 lakh teachers have been recruited by various States / UTs in the Xth Plan. In the XIth Plan, projection for recruitment of teachers is 8.00 lakh.

During Xth Plan Period, about 4 lakh additional classrooms were constructed. During XIth Plan Period, projection for additional class-rooms is 6.87 lakh.